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FORWARD BY THE RT. HON ROY HATTERSLEY M.P. DEPUTY LEADER OF THE
LABOUR PARTY

A great political party - no less than a distinguished regiment - relies for its force and effectiveness partly on its members' morale. And members' morale owes much to history and tradition. There is no more effective antidote to despair than the memory of old victories. And nothing is more likely to lead onto new triumphs than the conviction that the battle is being fought as part of a historic campaign. Part of the English radical tradition has been the combination of respect for the past and hope for the future. "There was a time in England ..." is the evocative beginning of William Cobbett's call to build a better society. The "backward glance" has its roots in the Judaeo-Christian ethic which is an integral part of British democratic socialism. Before the fall we lived in the Garden of Eden. Now we must build the new Jerusalem.

The romantic reasons for preserving Labour's history are only part of the reason for the importance of comprehensive archives. The Labour movement has played a major part in the building of a modern Britain. In an age where we are gradually beginning to understand that history is not the exclusive preserve of kings and generals, it is essential - simply for the requirement of basic scholarship - that we preserve the short and simple annals of the poor.

The history of the Labour movement is fascinating in its complexity. For the river of democratic socialism has innumerable sources. Each of its tributaries justifies in itself the detailed analysis that only careful records make possible and anyone who wants to understand the future of the Labour movement in this country would do well to study the whole range of past achievements.

Easy - or at least easier - access to the original documents of Labour history ought to eradicate some of the misconceptions about the movement - some of them held by faithful supporters no less than bitter enemies. A study of the way in which Sidney Webb wrote the Labour Party constitution (and even a cursory reading of the explanatory article that he wrote in The Observer)

would, for example, kill off one of the most common of all the heresies. Traditionally democratic socialism has been in favour of social ownership in all its diverse forms - not the creation of state owned monopolies run as part of a system of centralised control.

Of course, some of the most moving testimonies to the lives and sacrifices of the early Labour pioneers are to be found in the records of ordinary men and women and their struggle for representation and the right to organise. The more thorough the examination of the Labour movement's past the more clear the realisation that it has always been at its strongest when it understood and represented the opinions of what are sometimes patronisingly called the rank and file.

"Archives" is not regarded as the most exciting word in the English language. It is associated with dark libraries, dusty filing cabinets and indecipherable ancient script. It does not have to be that way. The archives in the Labour movement tell a glorious as well as an absorbing story. We should all rejoice that they are now so easily available to the serious student and interested amateur.

THE RT. HON. ROY HATTERSLEY M.P.
Deputy Leader of the Labour Party
September 1990

INTRODUCTORY PREFACE BY PROFESSOR KENNETH O. MORGAN

The British Labour Party has always been fascinated by its heroes and its history. The "long march" to power, as a concept, has gripped its collective mind. This fascination has extended from partisan enthusiasts within the Labour movement to professional historians and other scholars over the past thirty years and more, in which Labour History as a serious study has in many ways been re-born. This interest has focussed especially on the party's superb collection of archives, manuscripts and other records. They have, indeed, been a model for all political organisations and professional bodies to follow and have been central to the upsurge in labour history in the recent past.

For many years, they were stored impeccably in Walworth Road, to which many British and international researchers made their pilgrimage; but the growing needs of the party's organizational and secretarial arms have forced them to migrate elsewhere. It is a happy chance that they have now found a new home in the National Museum of Labour History in Manchester, alongside other records, artefacts and memorabilia of British labour. Fortunately, they will retain there the skilled services of Stephen Bird, for many years the devoted archivist and custodian of the party records while they were still stored in Walworth Road.

The archive falls into several distinct categories. There are NEC minutes going back to the old Labour Representation Committee and its foundation in 1900, along with materials from the Policy and other Committees set up in the years after the first world war, following Authur Henderson's shake-up of party organisation in the aftermath of the new party constitution coming into being in 1918. There are massive files of general secretarial correspondence from the time of Ramsay MacDonald in 1900 - 11 to that of Ron Hayward in the later 1970s. There are the archives of the Parliamentary Labour Party from the great days of 1945 onwards. More specific, but also important, are the reports of

the Women's Labour League and the Foreign Affairs, International and Commonwealth Committees, alongside the connecting links with the Socialist International. The private files of such key officials as Jim Middleton, Morgan Phillips and William Gillies are also soon to be included, along with clutches of letters of individual Socialists such as Harold Laski.

Through such sources, a synoptic view can be formed of several of the broad themes of the British Labour movement, its components and its distinctive national and class characteristics. The records illuminate in intimate detail its emergence as a radical, federal coalition; the traumas of the twenties with the divergent (if also complementary) strains of industrial and political action; the recovery of the thirties; the heady experience of power after 1945 and again after 1964, and the reassessments and restructuring of doctrine and organisation since then. The archives also provide fascinating insights into major figures in the history of the movement - Hardie and MacDonald; Henderson and Morrison; Lansbury and Bevin; Bevan and Gaitskell; Wilson and Benn, seen through the prism of secretarial or public documents produced by the party's key administrators.

Research Publications have now published three new units of material to update the microform coverage of the Archives. The NEC minutes cover the stormy period 1968 - 73, the arguments over trade union reform, the aftermath of the 1970 electoral defeat and the debates and disputes over Europe, defence and 'Participation 72'. The General Correspondence and Political Records now cover the papers of the International and Commonwealth Committees over the entire span from 1918 to 1968, while the Minutes, Letter Books and Press Cuttings go back to 1873, the very earliest period of the idea of labour political representation and then through to 1912. Singly and together they provide immense illumination of key aspects of Labour's past. Perhaps, as Labour contemplates the possibilities of a new era of power, they may equally be an inspiration for its future, 'flinching cowards and sneering traitors' notwithstanding.

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August 1990.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Research Publications have now published a substantial section of the Archives of the British Labour Party including Pamphlets and Leaflets 1900 - 1969, National Executive Committee Minutes 1900 - 1973, Speeches and Press Statements 1964 - 1973 and General Correspondence and Political Records with sections devoted to the Labour Representation Committee, the War Emergency Workers' National Committee, the Women's Labour League, Subject Files I - III, and the Minutes and Papers of the International and Commonwealth Committees and Papers on Foreign Affairs 1918 - 1968. Also available are the Archives of the Parliamentary Labour Party 1906 - 1968. For a full list of these microform collections please see page 15 of this guide. The comprehensive coverage will be periodically updated with new series to cover more recent years. The next units to be available will be ...

Since first coming to power as a minority administration in 1924, the Labour Party has remained one of the two principal parties in British politics. From its early beginnings as the Labour Representation Committee, with a membership of 376,000 in the early months of 1901, to the more recent Wilson and Callaghan administrations with a total party membership in excess of 6,500,000 by the mid-1970s, the Labour Party has become a major political force with powerful and sustained trade union and grass roots support.

This guide brings together details of all the microform collections now available from Research Publications covering every aspect of Labour Party policy, charting the Party's development from its foundation through to the present day, highlighting its problems and internal divisions, demonstrating its successes and failures, and revealing its political, social and intellectual contribution to the shaping of post-war Britain.

The different units of the Labour Party archive provide the researcher with an invaluable range of information of all areas of Party activity:

- The National Executive Committee Minutes set out the facts in a vivid and revealing manner. Also included are the papers of all the supporting committees. This is a most useful source for Labour policies, the decision making process, philosophies of government, internal disputes and selection procedures.

- The Speeches and Press Statements are an accurate and comprehensive record for the years 1964 to 1973 with an extensive 233 page Bibliographical listing.

- The General Correspondence and Political Records provide a wealth of in-depth reports, background documents, conference papers and correspondence on a large range of subjects from the early days of the Labour Representation Committee, Subject Files and Papers on Foreign Affairs, through to the more recent period.

- The Archives of the Parliamentary Labour Party allow scholars a remarkable insight into the structure and strategies of the Labour Party at Westminster. The microform edition covers minutes and memoranda from 1906 to 1968 providing an excellent opportunity to study the nature of the PLP and its developing relationship with the grass roots of the party over a full sixty-two years.

The archives contain a substantial amount of information relating to a large number of M.P.s, Ministers, Shadow Ministers and a succession of influential party leaders including Ramsay MacDonald, Arthur Henderson, George Lansbury, Clement Attlee, Hugh Gaitskell, Harold Wilson, James Callaghan, Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock.

The records of the Labour Party were first housed at Transport House and then moved to the new Labour Party headquarters at Walworth Road, London. Between 1967 and 1973 the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts listed and catalogued about two-thirds of the archives and deposited manuscripts. All subsequent microform editions have been listed as well. This guide helps to bring together these listings.

Some of the original records of the Labour Party are still housed at Walworth Road but, from April 1990, large sections of the original archive are being moved to the new National Museum of Labour History in Manchester, which was opened to the public in May 1990.

David Tyler
Senior Editor

June 1990

LIST OF AVAILABLE MICROFORM COLLECTIONS

Pamphlets and Leaflets:

- Part 1: 1900-1926 (silver-halide positive microfiche)
- Part 2: 1927-1939 (silver-halide positive microfiche)
- Part 3: 1940-1952 (silver-halide positive microfiche)
- Part 4: 1953-1961 (silver-halide positive microfiche)
- Part 5: 1962-1969 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

General Correspondence and Political Records:

- Part 1: The Labour Representation Committee, 1900-1916
(35mm silver-halide positive microfilm)
- Part 2: The Labour Party, 1906-1907
(35mm silver-halide positive microfilm)
- Part 3: Records of the War Emergency Workers' National
Committee, 1914-1918
(35mm silver-halide positive microfilm)
- Part 4: Minutes and Records of the Women's Labour League,
1906-1918
(silver-halide positive microfiche)
- Part 5: Subject Files (I), c.1907 - c.1916
(35mm silver-halide positive microfilm)
- Part 6: Subject Files (II - III), c.1917 - c.1943
(35mm silver-halide positive microfilm)
- Part 7: Minutes, Letter Books and Press Cuttings of the
Labour Representation Committee and related bodies,
1873-1912
(35mm silver-halide positive microfilm)

Part 8: Minutes and Papers of the International and Commonwealth Committees and Papers on Foreign Affairs, 1918-1968
(35mm silver-halide positive microfiche)

Speeches and Press Statements:

Part 1: 1964-1973 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

National Executive Committee Minutes:

Part 1: 1900-1926 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Part 2: 1927-1939 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Part 3: 1940-1951 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Part 4: 1952-1955 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Part 5: 1956-1959 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Part 6: 1960-1961 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Part 7: 1962-1964 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Part 8: 1965-1967 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Part 9: 1968-1973 (silver-halide positive microfiche)

Archives of the Parliamentary Labour Party:

Minutes and Records of the Administrative Committee, 1941-1945, Executive Committee, 1923-1937, Liaison Committee, 1945-1968, Parliamentary Committee, 1951-1964, and of the Parliamentary Labour Party, 1906-1968
(silver-halide positive microfiche)

Women and the Labour Movement:

Conference Reports and Journals of the Women's Labour League and the Labour Party Women's Organisation, 1906-1977
(silver-halide positive microfiche)

LABOUR PRIME MINISTERS

Ramsay MacDonald	January - November 1924
Ramsay MacDonald	June 1929 - August 1931
Ramsay MacDonald	(August 1931 - June 1935 as head of the National Government)
Clement Attlee	August 1945 - October 1951
Harold Wilson	October 1964 - June 1970
Harold Wilson	March 1974 - April 1976
James Callaghan	April 1976 - May 1979

LABOUR PARTY OFFICIALS

Chairmen of the Parliamentary Party

Keir Hardie	1906-1908
Arthur Henderson	1908-1910
George Barnes	1910-1911
Ramsay MacDonald	1911-1914
Arthur Henderson	1914-1917
W. Adamson	1917-1921
J.R. Clynes	1921-1922

Vice-Chairmen

D. Shackleton	1906-1908
George Barnes	1908-1910
J.R. Clynes	1910-1911
W. Brace	1911-1912
J. Parker	1912-1914
A. Gill	1914-1915
J. Hodge *	1915-1916
G. Wardle *	1916-1918
J.R. Clynes	1918-1921
J. Thomas } Joint	1921-1922
S. Walsh }	

(* = Acting Chairmen)

Chairmen and Leaders of the Parliamentary Party

Ramsay MacDonald	1922-1931
Arthur Henderson	1931-1932
George Lansbury	1932-1935
Clement Attlee	1935-1955
Hugh Gaitskell	1955-1963
Harold Wilson	1963-1970

Leaders of the Party

Harold Wilson	1970-1976
James Callaghan	1976-1980
Michael Foot	1980-1983
Neil Kinnock	1983-

Deputy Leaders

S. Walsh	} Joint	1922-1923
J. Wedgwood		
J.R. Clynes		1923-1931
Clement Attlee		1931-1935
Arthur Greenwood		1935-1945
Herbert Morrison		1945-1955
J. Griffiths		1955-1959
Aneurin Bevan		1959-1960
George Brown		1960-1970
Roy Jenkins		1970-1972
Edward Short		1972-1976
Michael Foot		1976-1980
Denis Healey		1980-1983
Roy Hattersley		1983-

Leaders in the House of Lords

Viscount Haldane	1924-1928
Lord Parmoor	1928-1931
Lord Ponsonby	1931-1935
Lord Snell	1935-1940
Lord Addison	1940-1952
Earl Jowitt	1952-1955
Viscount Alexander of Hillsborough	1955-1964
Earl of Longford	1964-1968
Lord Shackleton	1968-1974
Lord Shepherd	1974-1976
Lord Peart	1976-1982
Lord Cledwyn Penrhos	1982-1989

Labour Representation Committee
Annual Conferences, 1900-1905

<u>Year</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Chairmen</u>
1900	London	W. Steadman
1901	Manchester	J. Hodge
1902	Birmingham	W. Davies
1903	Newcastle upon Tyne	J. Bell
1904	Bradford	J. Hodge
1905	Liverpool	Arthur Henderson

Labour Party
Annual Conference, 1906-1988

<u>Year</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Chairmen</u>
1906	London	Arthur Henderson
1907	Belfast	J. Stephenson
1908	Hull	W. Hudson
1909	Portsmouth	J.R. Clynes
1910	Newport	Keir Hardie
1911	Leicester	W. Robinson
1912	Birmingham	B. Turner
1913	London	G. Roberts
1914	Glasgow	T. Fox
1915	No conference held in this year.	
1916	Bristol	W. Anderson
1917	Manchester	G. Wardle
1918	Nottingham	W. Purdy
1918	London	W. Purdy
1919	Southport	J. McGurk
1920	Scarborough	W. Hutchinson
1921	Brighton	A. Cameron
1922	Edinburgh	F. Jowett
1923	London	Sidney Webb
1924	London	Ramsay MacDonald
1925	Liverpool	C. Cramp
1926	Margate	R. Williams
1927	Blackpool	F. Roberts
1928	Birmingham	George Lansbury
1929	Brighton	Herbert Morrison
1930	Llandudno	Susan Lawrence
1931	Scarborough	S. Hirst
1932	Leicester	G. Lathan
1933	Hastings	J. Compton
1934	Southport	W. Smith
1935	Brighton	W. Robinson
1936	Edinburgh	Jennie Adamson
1937	Bournemouth	Hugh Dalton

Labour PartyAnnual Conference, 1906-1988 (cont.)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Chairmen</u>
1938	No conference held this year.	
1939	Southport	G. Dallas
1940	Bournemouth	Barbara Gould
1941	London	J. Walker
1942	London	W. Green
1943	London	A. Dobbs
1944	London	G. Ridley
1945	Blackpool	Ellen Wilkinson
1946	Bournemouth	H. Laski
1947	Margate	P. Noel-Baker
1948	Scarborough	Emanuel Shinwell
1949	Blackpool	J. Griffiths
1950	Margate	S. Watson
1951	Scarborough	Alice Bacon
1952	Morecambe	H. Earnshaw
1953	Margate	Arthur Greenwood
1954	Scarborough	W. Burke
1955	Margate	Edith Summerskill
1956	Blackpool	E. Gooch
1957	Brighton	Margaret Herbison
1958	Scarborough	T. Driberg
1959	Blackpool	Barbara Castle
1960	Scarborough	G. Brinham
1961	Blackpool	Richard Crossman
1962	Brighton	Harold Wilson
1963	Scarborough	D. Davies
1964	Brighton	Anthony Greenwood
1965	Blackpool	Ray Gunter
1966	Brighton	W. Padley
1967	Scarborough	J. Boyd
1968	Blackpool	Jennie Lee
1969	Brighton	Eirene White
1970	Blackpool	A. Skeffington
1971	Brighton	Ian Mikardo
1972	Blackpool	Tony Benn
1973	Blackpool	W. Simpson
1974	London	James Callaghan
1975	London	F. Mulley
1975	Blackpool	F. Mulley
1976	Blackpool	T. Bradley
1977	Brighton	Joan Lester
1978	Blackpool	Joan Lester
1979	Brighton	Frank Allaun
1980	Blackpool	Lena Jeger
1981	Brighton	Alex Kitson
1982	Blackpool	Judith Hart

Labour Party
Annual Conferences, 1906-1988 (cont.)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Chairmen</u>
1983	Brighton	Sam McCluskie
1984	Blackpool	Eric Heffer
1985	Bournemouth	Alan Hadden
1986	Blackpool	Neville Hough
1987	Brighton	Syd Tierney
1988	Blackpool	Neil Kinnock

Chief Whips in House of Commons

D. Shackleton	1906
Arthur Henderson	1906-1907
G. Roberts	1907-1914
Arthur Henderson	1914
F. Goldstone	1914-1916
G. Roberts	1916
J. Parker	1916-1919
W. Tyne Wilson	1919-1920
Arthur Henderson	1920-1924
B. Spoor	1924-1925
Arthur Henderson	1925-1927
T. Kennedy	1927-1931
Sir C. Edwards	1931-1942
W. Whiteley	1942-1954
H. Bowden	1954
Edward Short	1954-1966
John Silkin	1966-1969
R. Mellish	1969-1976
Joel Barnett	1975-1976
M. Cocks	1976-1985
Derek Foster	1985-1989

Chief Whips in House of Lords

Lord Muir-Mackenzie	1924
E. De La Warr	1924-1930
Lord Marley	1930-1937
Lord Strabolgi	1937-1941
Earl of Listowel	1941-1944
Lord Southwood	1944-1945
Lord Ammon	1945-1949

Chief Whips in House of Lords (cont.)

Lord Shepherd	1949-1954
Earl of Lucan	1954-1964
Lord Shepherd	1964-1967
Lord Beswick	1967-1973
Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe	1973-1982
Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede	1982-1989

Labour Representation Committee
Executive OfficersChairmen

F. Rogers	1900-1902
R. Bell	1902-1904
D. Shackleton	1904-1906

Treasurers

F. Rogers	1902-1903
A. Gee	1903-1904
Arthur Henderson	1904-1906

Secretary

Ramsay MacDonald	1900-1906
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Labour Party
National Executive CommitteeChairmen

Please see list of Chairmen of Annual Conferences.

Secretaries

Ramsay MacDonald	1906-1912
Arthur Henderson	1912-1935
J. Middleton	1935-1944
Morgan Phillips	1944-1959

General Secretaries

Morgan Phillips	1959-1962
Len Williams	1962-1968
H. Nicholas	1968-1972
Ron Hayward	1972-1982
Jim Mortimer	1982-1985
Larry Whitty	1985-1989

Labour Party
National Executive Committee (cont.)

Treasurers

Arthur Henderson	1906-1912
Ramsay MacDonald	1912-1929
Arthur Henderson	1929-1936
G. Lathan	1936-1943
A. Greenwood	1943-1954
Hugh Gaitskell	1954-1956
Aneurin Bevan	1956-1960
H. Nicholas	1960-1964
D. Davies	1964-1967
James Callaghan	1967-1976
Norman Atkinson	1976-1981
Eric Varley	1981-1984
Albert Booth	1984
Sam McCluskie	1984-1989

National Agents

A. Peters	1908-1919
E. Wake	1919-1926
G. Shepherd	1926-1946
R. Windle	1946-1951
Len Williams	1951-1962
Miss S. Barker	1962-1969
Ron Hayward	1969-1972
Lord Underhill	1972-1979
David Hughes	1979-1985
David Hughes (Senior National Officer)	1985-1987
David Hughes (Director of Organisation)	1987-1989

Research Secretaries

Arthor Greenwood	1922-1942
Morgan Phillips	1942-1945
M. Young	1945-1950
W. Fienburgh	1950-1952
D. Ginsburg	1952-1960
Peter Shore	1960-1965
T. Pitt	1965-1974
G. Bish	1974-1988

Chairmen of Parliamentary Committee
with Labour in power

1924 Parliamentary Executive Committee

R. Smillie 1924

1929-1931 Consultative Committee

H. Snell 1929-1930
J. Barr 1930-1931

1940-1945 Administrative Committee

H. Lees-Smith 1940-1941
F. Pethick-Lawrence 1942
A. Greenwood 1942-1945

1945-1951 Liaison Committee

N. Maclean 1945
M. Webb 1946-1949
W. Glenvil Hall 1950

1964-1970 Liaison Committee

Emanuel Shinwell 1964-1967
D. Houghton 1967-1970

Chairmen of Parliamentary Labour Party

D. Houghton 1970-1974
Ian Mikardo 1974
C. Hughes 1974-1980
F. Willey 1980-1981
Jack Dormand 1981-1986
Stan Orme 1986-1989

International Secretaries

William Gillies 1920-1944
Denis Healey 1945-1951
Saul Rose 1951-1955
Peter Ericsson 1955-1958
David Ennals 1958-1964
Gwyn Morgan 1964-1969
Tom McNally 1969-1974
Jenny Little 1974-1988

BRIEF NOTE ON PAMPHLETS AND LEAFLETS, PARTS 1-5 (1900-1969)

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Part 3: 1940-1952
Part 4: 1953-1961
Part 5: 1962-1969

The riches, value and indispensability of the pamphlet and leaflet series in the Labour Party Library is well known to scholars. The first five parts of the collection have now been published on microfiche. The first part covers the early Labour Representation Committee period to 1906, the development of the Labour Party from its resounding successes in the general election of that year, its succession to Government in 1924, and the inter-war slump up to the flash-point of the General Strike of over 60 years ago. The second part continues from 1927 until the outbreak of war in 1939. The third part illustrates the attitude of Labour to the outbreak of war, its continued campaign to promote socialism during the war years, its preparation for and triumph in the first post-war election, its success at the polls in 1950 - and subsequent defeat in 1951. The fourth part covers the Labour Party's opposition to the second government of Sir Winston Churchill, his succession by Sir Anthony Eden, Suez, 'You Never Had it So Good', the approach to Europe and the reappraisal of modern Labour policy under Hugh Gaitskell. The fifth part covers Labour's decisive victory under Harold Wilson in the 1964 General Election, social and economic planning for a 'fair-share' New Britain, the growth of the equal rights movement, Rhodesia's declaration of UDI and the imposition of direct rule in Northern Ireland.

All documents have been numbered with a code indicating the year of issue and a number within each year. Thus 1968/24 means that this is the 24th document in the 1968 listing. All documents have been arranged alphabetically but foolscap items have been separated from the rest of the material to facilitate filming. They have been placed together in alphabetical order at the end of each year. The contents of each fiche are clearly shown on the fiche headers and in this particular case the document reference on the header reads 1968: 1968/22 - 1968/25. Document

1968/24 appears on this fiche and it can be easily traced by following the numerical order of the documents on the fiche. The document reference appears on the top right hand side of the first page of the document. A listing of all the pamphlets, divided into the years of issue, has been reproduced on Cards 1, 125, 226, 320 and 451. The contents of each fiche is also reproduced at the beginning of each specific year.

The Collections

**General Correspondence
and Political Records**

Part 1:

The Labour

Representation Committee,

1900 - 1906

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

Part 1 comprises the complete general correspondence and related political party papers of the infant Labour Party, during the Labour Representation Committee period under James Keir Hardie. The L.R.C. was formed in February 1900 and changed its name to the Labour Party at the Annual Conference in February 1906 which followed the L.R.C.'s success in the General Election of that year. Reflecting the beginnings of what was to become a major Party of state - and within less than 25 years twice to form the Government - the General Correspondence shows the Party forging a viable national organisation.

The material consists of 31 file boxes of general secretarial and administrative correspondence, each box containing some 400 letters and papers. It covers the formative years from 1900 to 1906 in chronological sequence. The Labour Representation Committee was formed in February 1900. Present at this first meeting were Greenall, Bell, Curran, Gee, Wilkie, Hodge, Rodgers, Hardie, Parker, Pease and MacDonald as secretary.

The name of Labour Party was adopted as soon as the 1906 Parliament met. At the January General Election the LRC had a total of fifty candidates. Twenty-nine were successful, including Hardie, MacDonald, and Snowden. By this time total party membership was in excess of 900,000.

The correspondence covered by this microfilm edition contains letters of prominent individuals such as Rogers, Pease, Hardie and MacDonald, details concerning local organisation and administration, letters relating to affiliation, candidates, by-elections, conferences and committee meetings, and correspondence on many other subjects.

The Detailed Listing and Index, prepared by Richard Storey and Tom Jaine for the Historical Manuscripts Commission is reproduced on Reel One.

All documents have been given a code indicating the box file within the archive and the number within the box file. Thus LRC 6/107 indicates that this is the 107th document in the sixth box file of the Labour Representation Committee, 1900-1906.

For Minutes, Letter Books and Press Cuttings of the Labour Representation Committee and other papers on the infancy of the Labour Party please refer to Part 7 of the General Correspondence and Political Records series.

Attention should be drawn to the nature of some of the original material. Every effort has been made to obtain the best possible image. Occasionally the quality of the paper of the original is rather poor and has presented some difficulties of image and contrast.

David Tyler
Senior Editor

February 1990

INTRODUCTION BY RICHARD STOREY AND TOM JAINE FROM THE LISTING AND INDEX PREPARED FOR THE HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS COMMISSION

Reflecting the comparative lack of parliamentary influence, and the small number of Labour MP's, the general correspondence of the LRC is concerned with the forging of a viable national organisation for the winning of elections. This was initially done through close combination with the trades councils and trades unions, rather than by setting up a parallel organisation of local Labour groups, although many local LRC's were started. A National Agent was not appointed until after the 1906 election and it was only at this point that the affairs of the local parties became the predominant feature of the correspondence the main participants therefore are the national secretaries and local representatives of the trades unions which supported the Labour cause.

Another element in the correspondence is that concerned with the central organisation of the Party, office administration, committee meetings and the like. This is sometimes of great value in illuminating Party policy, for example in the dispute between the Assistant Secretary, J.S. McNeill and the Secretary of the Fabian Society, E.R. Pease, during MacDonal's absence abroad in 1903, but normally the correspondence is fairly routine or reticent. There is very little in these files relating to either parliamentary tactics or the formation of Party policy, except when these had to be explained to local organisations. The papers on these matters are presumably to be found either in the archive of the PLP or in the surviving papers of the major participants, such as MacDonal. However, the local correspondence, with which we are mainly dealing is of considerable importance to the historian of Labour politics. Charted in detail in these files is the progress of the LRC on a local level; information on which persons and organisations were in support of the LRC aims; details of conflicts between local bodies over terms of reference, electoral strategy and policy matters; reflections of the conditions of Labour and trade unionism within a given locality or even, as with South Africa, within a whole country; reports on by-elections and municipal politics; and a vast number of miscellaneous items of information sent to the central office in the hope that it would be useful.

Richard Storey and Tom Jaine
November 1971

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POLITICAL RECORDS
PART 1:
THE LABOUR
REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE,
1900-1906

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**General Correspondence
and Political Records
Part 2:
The Labour Party
1906 - 1907**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

Part 2 covers the period from 13 February 1906 to the end of 1907. The 8,400 documents reproduced record the early years of the Labour Party, its relationship with the Liberal Party, and its attempts to remain politically united in spite of the growing rank and file feeling that parliamentary power represented watered-down socialism. The material illuminates party policy and embraces every conceivable topic in social and economic matters and political strategy.

There are papers and correspondence on Trade Union payments and requests for affiliation, details of Labour candidates and by-elections, conference arrangements and reports, petitions and resolutions, press-cuttings and a large proportion of copy out-letters.

The documents show the Labour Party already emerging as a national force with a growing and efficient organisation at national and local level. The collection also charts the beginnings of Ramsay MacDonald's parliamentary career, the growing alignment of the Trade Unions and the Labour Party, and the involvement in the international forum of socialism.

The Detailed Listing and Index, prepared by Richard Storey and Tom Jaine for the Historical Manuscripts Commission and the Labour Party, have been reproduced on Reel One of this microfilm collection. All documents have been given a code indicating the box file within the archive and the number within the box file. Thus LP.GC. 5/218 indicates that this is the 218th document in the fifth box file of the General Correspondence and Political Records of the Labour Party. This Detailed Listing is accompanied by an Index of Names and Organisations.

Attention should be drawn to the nature and condition of some of the original material. Many of the documents have been written in a variety of inks and pencils and in different handwritings and occasionally these have suffered from ink-fade, heavy staining and show-through. In particular we should mention the condition of the out-letters. These are very often a poor purple carbon on pink paper. We have selected a large number of the very worst - which may have been illegible on film - and have retyped

fair copies. But this may still leave a small number of marginal letters which cannot be reproduced with an entirely satisfactory image.

Every effort has been made to minimise these difficulties. We have sought to exercise reasonable care and to meet the standards established by the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

David Tyler
Senior Editor

February 1990

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND
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**General Correspondence
and Political Records
Part 3:
Records of the War
Emergency Workers'
National Committee,
1914 - 1918**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

The records of the War Emergency Workers' National Committee (WNC) 1914-1918 provide valuable source material for scholars interested in the impact of the First World War on the British working class, British Industry and on the power of the British State to direct the lives of its citizens in time of national crisis. The WNC was a corporate labour organisation initiated in 1914 to serve and protect the working classes and their interests. The first concerns of the WNC were employment, wages, conditions of service - particularly in reaction to the 'production at all cost' attitude of the Lloyd-George ministries. Social and economic conditions are well covered. There is material on the bitter struggle for the rights of conscientious objectors and significant documentary evidence concerning the role of women in industry.

The National Register of Archives prepared a comprehensive 350 page listing of the records in which each document is individually numbered and arranged chronologically within 128 specific subject areas. This listing, together with an index of names, places and organisations appears on the first reel of this microfilm edition. It provides an indispensable finding-aid to this important, large body of primary source material. The relevant section of the listing appears at the beginning of each reel.

Attention should be drawn to the nature of the original material. Many of the documents have been written in a variety of inks and pencils and in different handwriting and occasionally these have suffered from ink-fade, heavy staining and show-through. Sometimes letters have been badly handled and the occasional word is missing, telegrams may be obscure, newspaper cuttings tend to be worn, and in some cases photocopies have been made. There are also documents which are extremely difficult to read in the original and in some cases typed fair copies are reproduced in front of the original document.

These characteristics do present difficulties of image and contrast which stringent tests and camera alterations cannot entirely overcome. Conscious of the difficulties which this material presents, we have sought to exercise responsible care in the production of this unique collection and to meet the standards established by the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

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POLITICAL RECORDS
PART 3: WAR EMERGENCY WORKERS'
NATIONAL COMMITTEE 1914-1918

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**General Correspondence
and Political Records
Part 4:
Minutes and Records
of the
Women's Labour League.
1906 - 1918**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

Part Four consists of the papers and records of the Women's Labour League, from its foundation in 1906, until 1918 when it became fully integrated into the Labour Party. The League was founded as an organisation of women to work for independent Labour representation in close relationship with the Labour Party, and to obtain direct representation of women in Parliament and on local authorities.

Greatly strengthened by the increasingly important role played by women in industry during the First World War, the League successfully agitated in support of the emancipation of women in Britain in 1918.

Prominent among the League's activists were Margaret MacDonald, Mary Middleton, Dr. Marion Phillips and Katherine Bruce Glasier. The papers reflect the full range of their activities and concerns from their attempts to combat social inequalities to the campaign for better working conditions. This microfiche edition includes signed minutes of the Executive Committee, of the General Purposes Committee, of meetings of the Central London Branch of the League, and of the Executive of the Central London Branch. Other documents include a Treasurer's receipt and expenditure book, a volume containing brief notes about branches, and a collection of relevant correspondence. The one surviving minute book of the Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations for the period February 1916 to September 1917 completes this microfilm programme.

We have retained the order and numbering given to the papers by the Labour Party. The correspondence is arranged mainly in chronological order and each page is numbered continuously. The Bound volumes had been given an item number by the Labour Party and this followed the sequence of numbers used for the correspondence and individual documents.

Attention should be drawn to the nature of the original material. Several items are very poor originals, being either faded manuscript documents or poor carbon copies. We have attempted to overcome these problems by filming a poor document twice, filming a photocopy, or by typing a fair copy.

But inevitably these characteristics do present difficulties of image and contrast which stringent tests and camera alterations cannot entirely overcome. Conscious of the difficulties which this material presents, we have sought to exercise responsible care in the production of this unique collection and to meet the standards established by the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

The Conference Reports and Publications of the Women's Labour League and the Labour Party Women's Organisation, 1918-1977, are made available in a separate microfiche edition entitled Women and the Labour Movement, 1906-1977.

Please see page 55 of this guide for details of this material.

David Tyler
Senior Editor

February 1990

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
AND POLITICAL RECORDS, PART 4:
MINUTES AND RECORDS OF
THE WOMEN'S LABOUR LEAGUE 1906-1918
AND THE
STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRIAL WOMEN'S
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Women's Organisations Minute Book.
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**General Correspondence
and Political Records
Part 5:
Subject Files (I)
c.1907 - c.1916**

The detailed Listing and Index, prepared by R.A. Storey and T.M.W. Jaine for the Historical Manuscripts Commission and the Labour Party, have been reproduced on Reel One of this microfilm edition. The relevant section of the Listing is again reproduced at the beginning of each reel.

In this Listing all documents have been given a code indicating the box file within the archive, the subject matter and approximate date of the file. Thus LP/DUB/13/24 indicates that this is the 24th document in the box file covering the Dublin disturbances of 1913. Where the box file covers a period of more than one year, the code usually shows the earliest date.

As with any detailed cataloguing of documents some inconsistencies do inevitably occur. In some cases a number has been omitted from the sequence of numbering and in others a number has been repeated so that the addition of a letter now distinguishes the second item from the first.

There are also occasional inconsistencies in the assignation of both Roman and Arabic numerals to subsequent related items. These are very minor points, are very few in number, and our mention of them is no way detracts from the excellence of the arrangement, numbering and listing prepared by Richard Storey and Tom Jaine.

Attention should be drawn to the nature of some of the original material. Every effort has been made to overcome the small number of difficulties presented by poor carbon copies of out-letters, poor carbon copies of telegrams, ink-fade, and stained papers. This unique collection meets the standards established by the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND POLITICAL RECORDS
OF THE BRITISH LABOUR PARTY
PART 5: SUBJECT FILES: VOLUME ONE, c.1907 - c.1916

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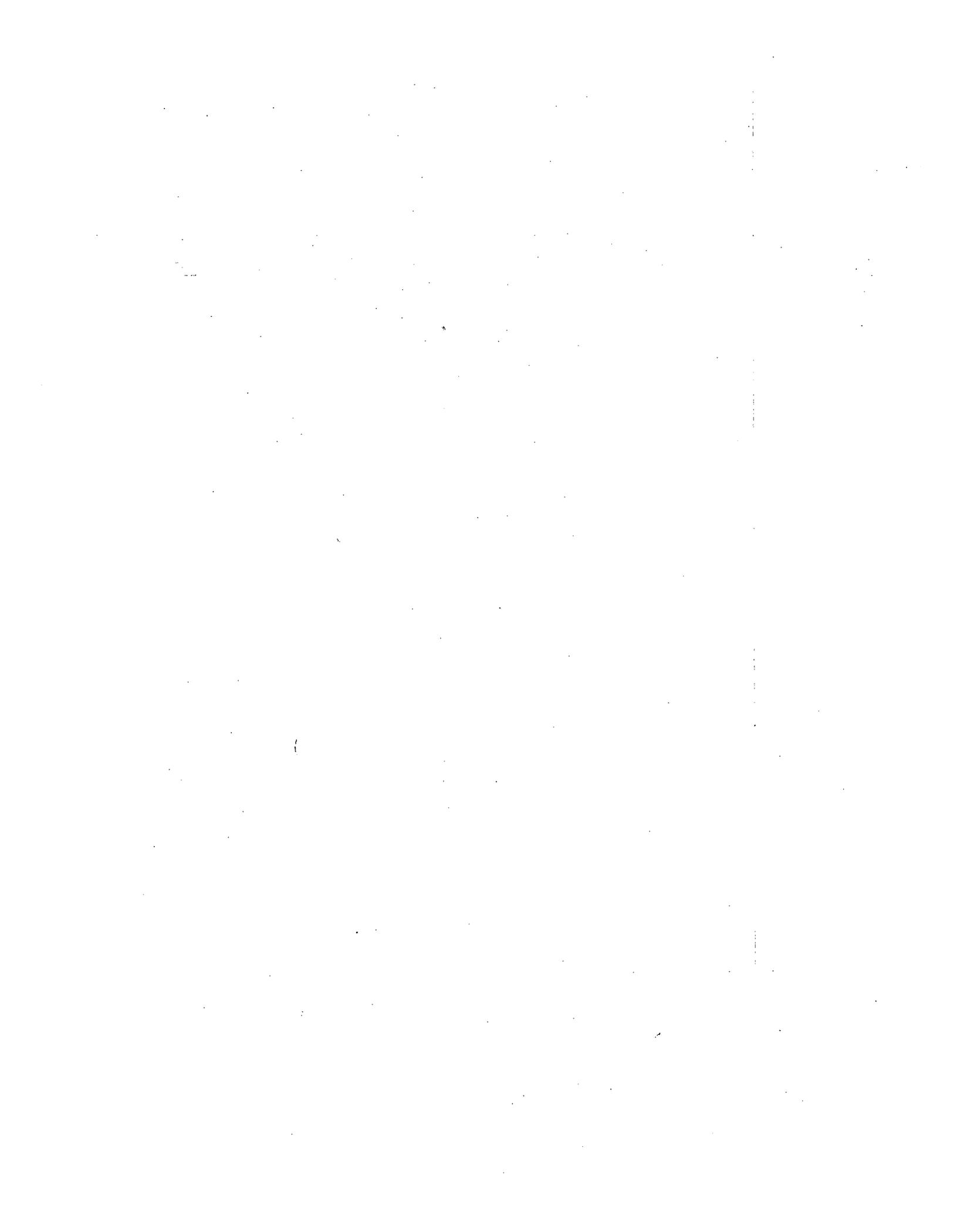
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**General Correspondence
and Political Records
Part 6:
Subject Files (II - III)
c.1917 - c.1943**



A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

In 1907, the Party radically reorganised its filing system from a chronological arrangement to a subject file system, the subject files being divided into sections and each section called a Volume. Part Five comprised all Volume One. Inevitably subject files have a widely disparate range of dates but generally Volume One covers the period from 1907 to the middle of the First World War and contains subjects ranging from the Dublin Disturbances of 1913 to the Labour Party Parliamentary files.

This Part Six contains Volumes Two and Three. Arranged thematically, and well-indexed, they principally cover the period 1917-1943, with additional material going back to 1908 and stretching forward to 1951. Included in Volume Two is important material on Hungary, the Independent Labour Party, anti-Fascist activity and papers relating to various figures including Edward Carpenter and E.D. Morel. Volume Three includes Affiliations, 1917-1919, local reports on Fascist activities in 1934, and many other important themes.

The range of material is immense. Within the numerous files there is detailed information on the activities of the Communist Party in the 1920s and local fascist groups in the 1930s; the growing dispute with the Independent Labour Party; the use and abuse of political propaganda; the struggle for women's suffrage; and also documents relating to the anti-war Labour Left in the years 1914-1918, the industrial disputes of the early 1920s, the long period of isolation in the 1930s and the onset of the Second World War.

The detailed Listing and Index for both Volumes, prepared by R.A. Storey and T.M.W. Jaine for the Historical Manuscripts Commission and the Labour Party, have been reproduced on Reel One, and the relevant section of the Listing is again reproduced before each file.

In this Listing all documents have been given a code indicating the box file within the archive, the subject matter and approximate date of the file and the number of the document within the file. Thus, LP/NLM/17/50 indicates that this is the 50th document in the box file covering the National Labour Memorial in 1917. Where the box file covers a period of more than one year, the code usually shows the earliest date.

As with any detailed cataloguing of documents some inconsistencies do inevitably occur. In some cases a number has been omitted from the sequence of numbering and in others a number has been repeated so that the addition of a letter now distinguishes the second item from the first. Gaps occasionally occur in the sequence numbering. This may be through misnumbering, the number not having been originally used, or, occasionally, a missing page or document. There are also occasional inconsistencies in the assignation of both Roman and Arabic numerals to subsequent related items. These are very minor points, are very few in number, and our mention of them in no way detracts from the excellence of the arrangement, numbering and listing prepared by Richard Storey and Tom Jaine.

Attention should be drawn to the nature of the original material. There is ink-fade, poor copies of telegrams, extremely poor carbon copies of out-letters, stained papers and these original characteristics present difficulties of image and contrast which stringent tests and camera alterations cannot entirely overcome. Every effort has been made to minimise these difficulties and we have sought to exercise responsible care in the production of this unique collection and to meet the standards established by the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND POLITICAL RECORDS
PART 6: SUBJECT FILES (VOLUMES TWO AND THREE)
c.1917 - c.1943

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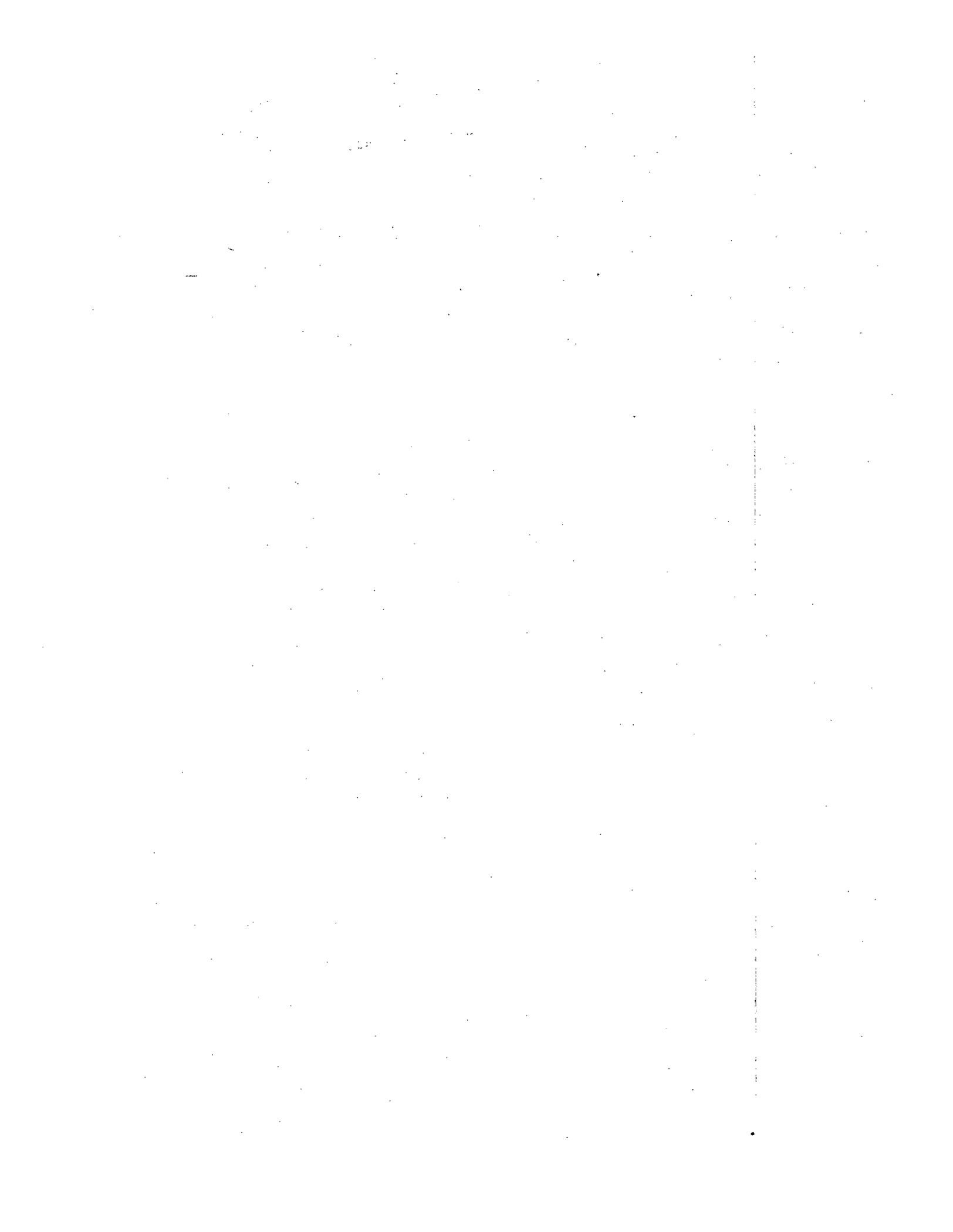
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A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

This small section of General Correspondence and Political Records covers the remaining Labour Representation Committee material not microfilmed in Part 1.

It features Copy "Out" Letters from 13 September 1902 to 29 January 1904, Agenda and Notes for Executive Draft Minutes 1900-1906, the Press Cuttings file compiled in 1904, the letters addressed to J. Ramsay MacDonald as Secretary of the Labour Representation Committee 1900-1906 and various other miscellaneous sections of correspondence and signed copies of Articles of Constitution by intending parliamentary candidates.

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Immediate subjects for concern were the situation in Russia, the Paris Peace Conference, the League of Nations, International Labour Legislation, the International Socialist Conference and Post-War International Economic Policy. It was agreed that various members would keep a special watch on international developments in specified international spheres. For instance, Toynbee would cover Asia, Dickinson and Rothstein would cover Germany, Leonard Woolf would cover Africa, Sidney Webb would cover America and Brailsford, the Balkans, Austria and Italy, with Hall covering India and the Dominions. By February 1920 the Committee had expanded and was substantially reorganised with a number of reporting sub committees.

The League of Nations, Russia, India, International Labour Legislation and the Balkans continued to be important subjects. There is also a wealth of information relating to British Mandates, China, Egypt, Turkey, Abyssinia, Rhodesia and South Africa. With Hitler's rise to power in 1933, the situation in Germany and Eastern Europe increasingly demanded attention. There are many fascinating Memoranda and Documents providing an important insight into Labour views on appeasement, the fascist dictators, the threat to European security and issues in the Far East. Typical of the detailed memoranda of the period are the analysis of the Destruction of the League as an Instrument for the Prevention of War: Factors in the International Situation, December 1936, and several lucid reports concerning the Italian invasion of Abyssinia and Bilateral Pacts and Collective Security.

C.R. Buxton, William Gillies, Sir John Maynard and Leonard Woolf were all active with the Imperial Advisory Committee. Again, the files of this committee contain a wealth of material on East Africa, India, Ceylon, Kenya, Cyprus, Rhodesia, the Ottawa Agreements, Palestine, the West Indies, the British South Africa Protectorates and British Guiana.

In the late 1940s the National Executive Committee decided to disband the Advisory Committee on Imperial Questions as soon as it had completed the draft statement on Colonial Policy for the newly formed Commonwealth Sub Committee. Details of this policy decision and the major draft statement on Colonial Policy are all covered in full.

After 1945 the Labour Party played an especially prominent role in British decolonization. The files of the Commonwealth Sub Committee provide important documentation on the granting of independence to India, Pakistan and Burma in 1947, on South Africa, Rhodesia, Ceylon, Kenya and on the construction of a framework for the Commonwealth, demands for Colonial territories and for the equality of economic opportunity worldwide, schemes for a 'Western Union' composed of the states of Western Europe and the British Commonwealth, British policy in Palestine, and

the agreements made at the Commonwealth Premiers Conference in 1949. There is also much emphasis on colonial education and special reports on many international conferences with detailed coverage of all the British Commonwealth Labour Conferences. There is also much material relating to Australia, Canada, New Zealand and other Commonwealth Nations.

A whole succession of eminent Labour figures were involved with the Commonwealth Sub Committee. In particular, Sam Watson, Denis Healey, Morgan Phillips, Alice Bacon, Noel-Baker, Dr. Summerskill, James Callaghan, Barbara Castle, John Hatch and Ian Mikardo made important contributions.

It was also a period in which Britain's role in the world declined as the new super powers, America and Russia, increasingly dominated world politics.

The years 1945 to 1951 were among the most successful in the history of British foreign policy. For much of this time Attlee's administration, with Bevin as its Foreign Secretary, was confronted with a long list of difficult problems. There was the situation in Europe, Palestine in turmoil, India on the brink of civil war, discontent in Egypt and other parts of the Arab world, insurrection in Malaya and declining relations with the Soviet Union. However, by 1951 a great number of these problems had been solved, Britain had extricated itself from many untenable positions, menacing threats had been contained and constructive action taken. There was much help from the United States but some measure of credit must also go to Bevin's clever use of the materials at hand - much provided by the work of the International and Commonwealth Committees - to provide a clear picture of the central issues and then produce satisfactory solutions.

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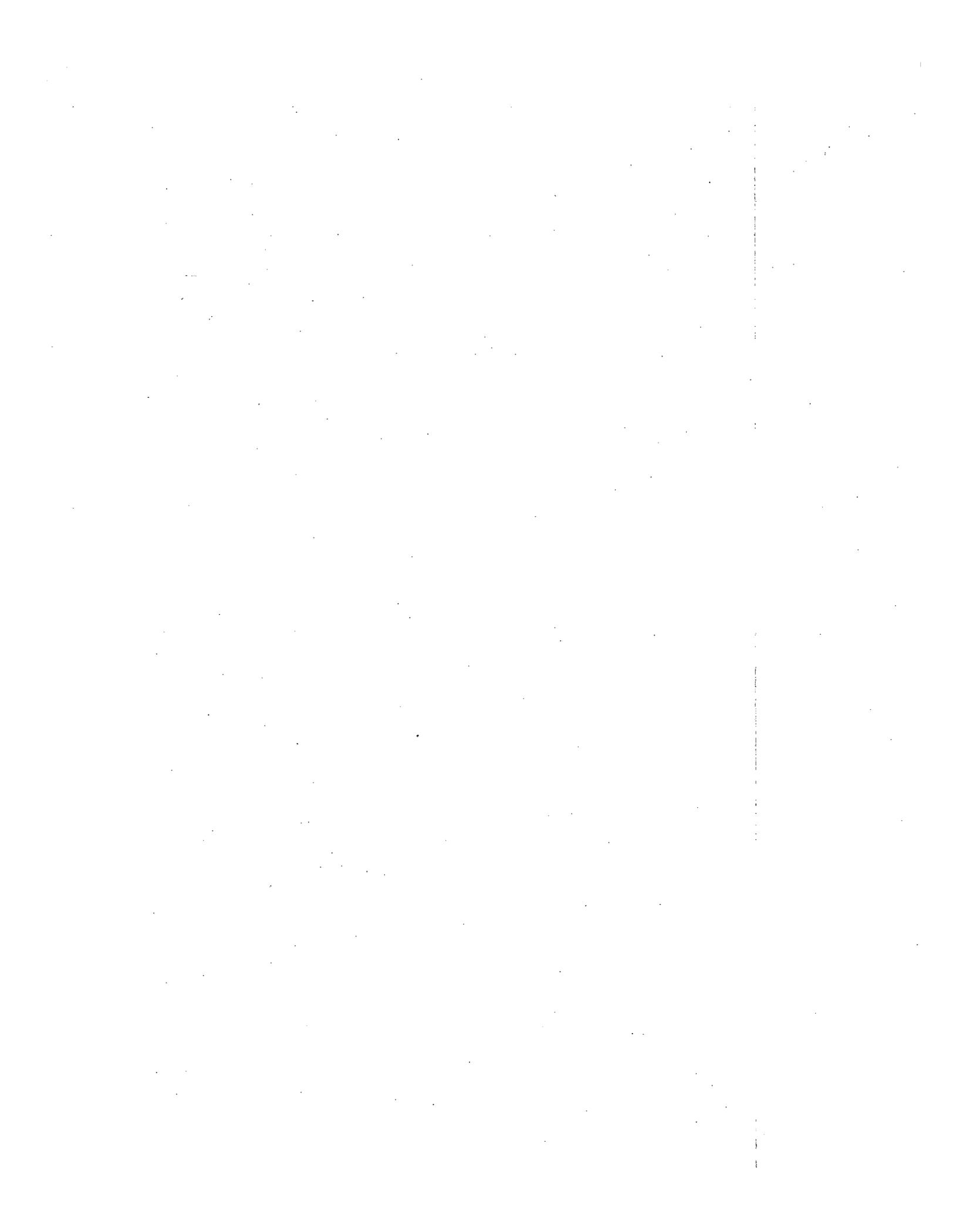
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PART 1: 1964-1973

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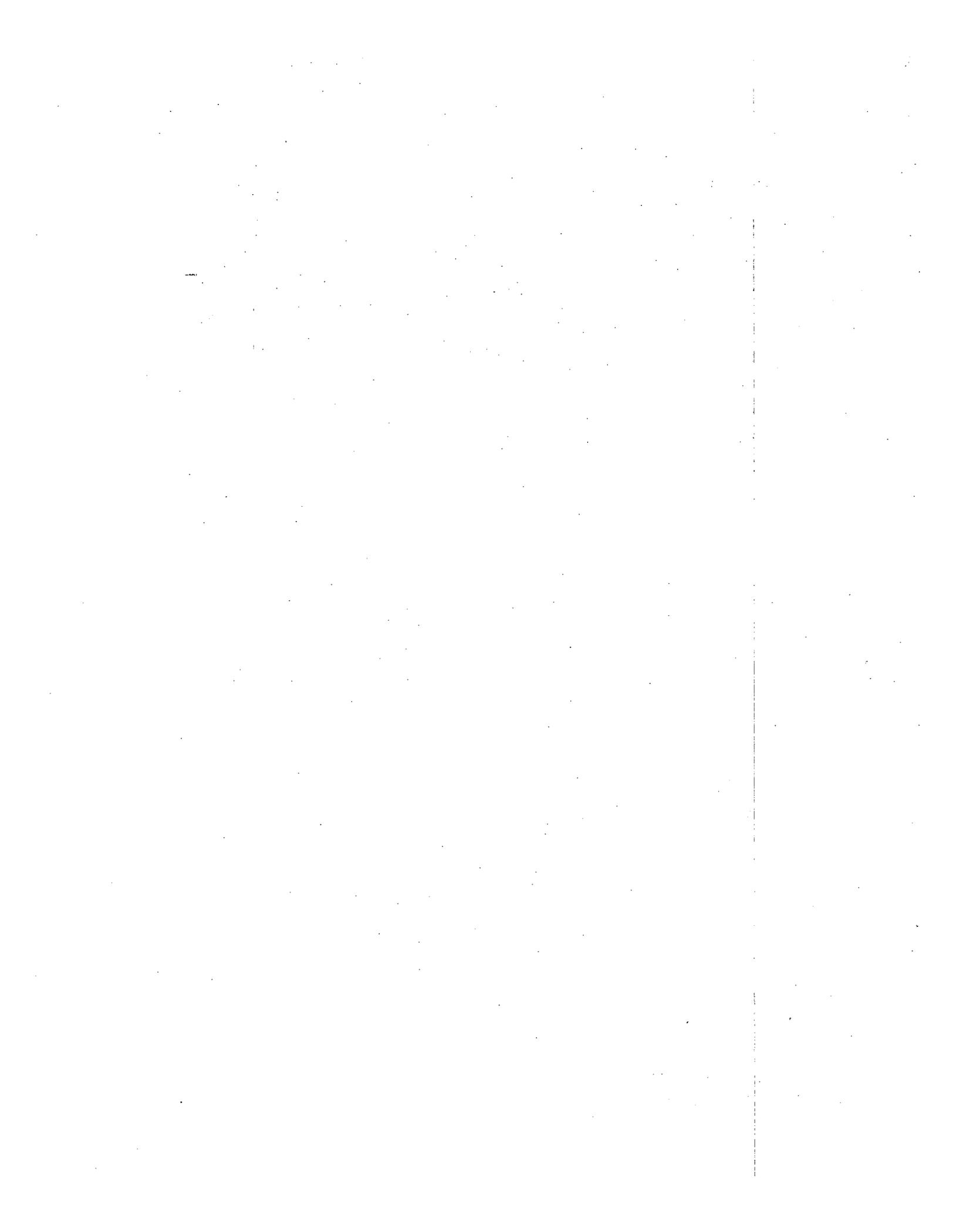
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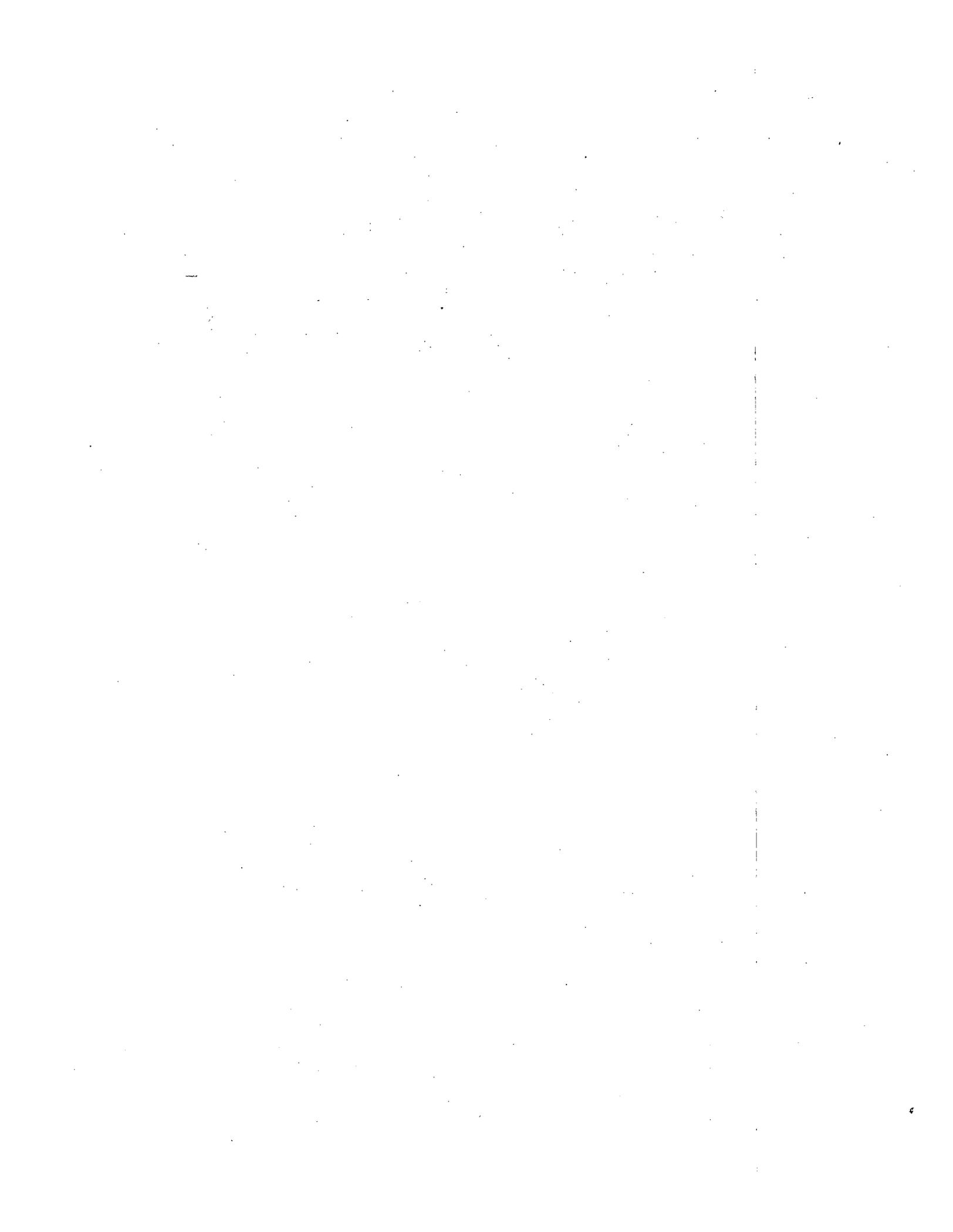
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**National Executive
Committee Minutes,
Part 1:
1900 - 1926**



A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

This first section contains the minute and agenda books of the Labour Representation Committee 1900-1906. In February 1906 the Committee was re-named The Labour Party and the Labour Party National Executive Minutes are reproduced from this point onwards.

All the minutes of supporting NEC committees and relevant background documents are included.

The period 1900 to 1926 is of special interest as the new party set out to tackle the many new problems of the twentieth century. The electoral success of the L.R.C. in 1906 created a sensation at the time. As soon as the new Parliament assembled the LRC assumed the name: the Labour Party. Its twenty-nine M.P.s elected officers and whips.

The Party had a few difficult years after the 1910 elections, but it was constantly developing its strength, particularly at local level, with active national and local agents and local organisations. From 1914 through to 1922 foreign policy issues were especially prominent in committee discussions. The Russian Revolution was greeted with great interest and enthusiasm by the Left. Henderson, with the assistance of Sidney Webb, prepared a new draft constitution for the Labour Party. The idea was to weld together socialist and trade union elements and also to provide for the full membership of middle class people and women, who were shortly to obtain the vote. The detailed discussions on the new constitution are revealed in the Minutes of October 1917. That year Party Conference resolved that election to all seats of the National Executive would be carried out by the whole conference. This led to a domination by the union block vote. In June 1918 the Party adopted the important policy statement drafted by Sidney Webb, Labour and the New Social Order. This formed the basis of Labour Party policy for the next 30 years. It established four concepts: the national minimum; the democratic control of industry; the subsidisation of social services; and the use of "the surplus for the common good".

From 1922 Ramsay MacDonald was both chairman and leader of the Parliamentary Party. The first Labour Government, of 1924, performed reasonably well. However, with the return of the

Conservatives, MacDonald's influence waned and the political initiative began to move towards the trade union leaders. The first section of NEC Minutes ends in 1926, the year of the General Strike.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PART 1: 1900-1926

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85	26 February - 27 March 1924
86	27 March - 13 May 1924

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105	24 March - 21 June 1926
106	21 June - 29 July 1926
107	29 July - 10 October 1926
108	10 October - 24 November 1926
109	24 November - 31 December 1926
110	31 December 1926

**National Executive
Committee Minutes,
Part 2:
1927 - 1939**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

The second part spans the years 1927-1939. The volumes for 1928 and 1929 reveal the detailed preparations for the 1929 General Election, the split with the I.L.P. and disagreements over policy statements culminating in the adoption of "Labour and the Nation" by the 1928 Party Conference.

MacDonald's Cabinet in 1929 included most of those who had served in 1924. Snowden returned to the Exchequer and Henderson took over at the Foreign Office. Thomas, Lansbury, Johnston and Oswald Mosley were appointed as a committee to draw up plans for dealing with unemployment. By the end of 1930 unemployment was over 2 million. G.D.H. Cole, Keynes and Bevin were members of the Economic Advisory Council set up to advise on economic problems. However, little agreement on these issues was reached even in Cabinet and Mosley's Memorandum posed a powerful challenge at the 1930 Party Conference. Henderson and MacDonald made progress on foreign affairs. MacDonald took an active role at the London conference on Naval Disarmament and also on British policy in India whilst Henderson secured a commercial treaty with Russia.

The 1931 financial crisis intervened to bring down the government. MacDonald formed a National Government and he and his colleagues were expelled by the Labour Party when the National Executive met on 28th September. A period of disorder and dissension followed and it was Bevin and Citrine who eventually began to decisively shape party policy in the mid 1930s through the National Council of Labour. When Middleton took over from Henderson as Party Secretary the National Council had taken over responsibility for the broad outlines of policy. The National Executive had a powerful Policy Sub-Committee, spearheaded by Attlee and Cripps with the aid of Herbert Morrison, Hugh Dalton and Arthur Greenwood, that now became very active in drawing up detailed legislative and administration programmes for a Labour Government within the general guidelines laid down by the National Council.

The remaining years to 1939 were increasingly dominated by events in Europe, the Spanish Civil War, the Munich Crisis and the need for re-armament.

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PART 2: 1927-1939

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117	10 November - 31 December 1927
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119	7 February - 1 May 1928
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122	25 July - 28 September 1928
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190	23 January - 27 February 1935
191	27 February - 10 April 1935
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215	17 September - 9 October 1936
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223	24 March - 28 April 1937
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226	16 June - 9 July 1937
227	9 July - 6 September 1937
228	6 September - 1 October 1937
229	1 October - 27 October 1937
230	27 October - 11 November 1937
231	11 November - 24 November 1937
232	24 November - 22 December 1937
233	22 December - 31 December 1937
234	5 January - 26 January 1938
235	26 January - 16 February 1938
236	16 February - 16 March 1938
237	16 March - 25 March 1938
238	25 March - 25 April 1938
239	25 April - 27 April 1938
240	27 April - 17 May 1938
241	17 May - 12 June 1938
242	12 June - 22 June 1938
243	22 June - 20 July 1938
244	20 July - 25 July 1938
245	25 July - 7 August 1938
246	7 August - 7 September 1938

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

Part Three carries the series of National Executive Committee Minutes through the war years and the Labour Governments of 1945-50 and 1950-51.

Throughout the Second World War Churchill gave Labour almost equal representation in his coalition War Cabinet. By the end of the war Labour ministers were virtually entirely responsible for home affairs: Attlee was Lord President and Deputy Prime Minister; Bevin was at the Ministry of Labour; Morrison was Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security; Dalton was President of The Board of Trade; and Tom Johnston was Scottish Secretary. The majority of 154 gave the Labour Party in 1945 an authority to push through new legislation that had never before been possessed by a socialist prime minister in Britain. All Attlee's senior ministers were men of great experience; Bevin took over at the Foreign Office; Dalton at the Exchequer; Morrison became Lord President and Leader of the Commons; Aneurin Bevan took charge of housing, health and local government; and Cripps became President of the Board of Trade.

The Minutes of the National Executive Committee and the associated background material and evidence from related sub-committees give a fascinating insight into the planning discussions and deliberations on new legislation as the Labour Government confidently set forth on a strong policy programme for four parliamentary sessions.

Under the firm leadership of Attlee and Bevin the government proceeded with a host of important measures. These included the Nationalisation of Coal (1947), Iron and Steel (1951), Transport and Electricity (1948), Gas (1949), the Bank of England and Civil Aviation (1946). Aneurin Bevan, "the architect of the Welfare State", presided over the creation of National Health Service, the National Insurance Act (1946) and the Housing and Rent Control Acts (1946-49).

At the Foreign Office Bevin was faced with a great number of problems but came through with great credit. After 1945 the Labour Party played an especially prominent role in British decolonization. India, Pakistan and Burma all received independence in 1947. The need for reconstruction in post-war

Europe posed immediate problems. Bevin was active with Cripps in the Marshall Plan and Bevin was also a prime mover in the creation of NATO. There were difficulties in Palestine, the threat of civil war in India, problems in Egypt and throughout the Arab world, insurrection in Malaya, and worsening relations with the Soviet Union. Added to this the "Left" of the Party were decidedly angry with the move away from a purely socialist foreign policy.

In 1949 Cripps was forced to devalue the pound. He followed this with a cautious budget in 1950. The General Election of February 1950 had given the Labour Party an overall majority of only six. The following year the Conservatives returned to power with Churchill as Prime Minister.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PART 3: 1940-1951

BRIEF LISTING

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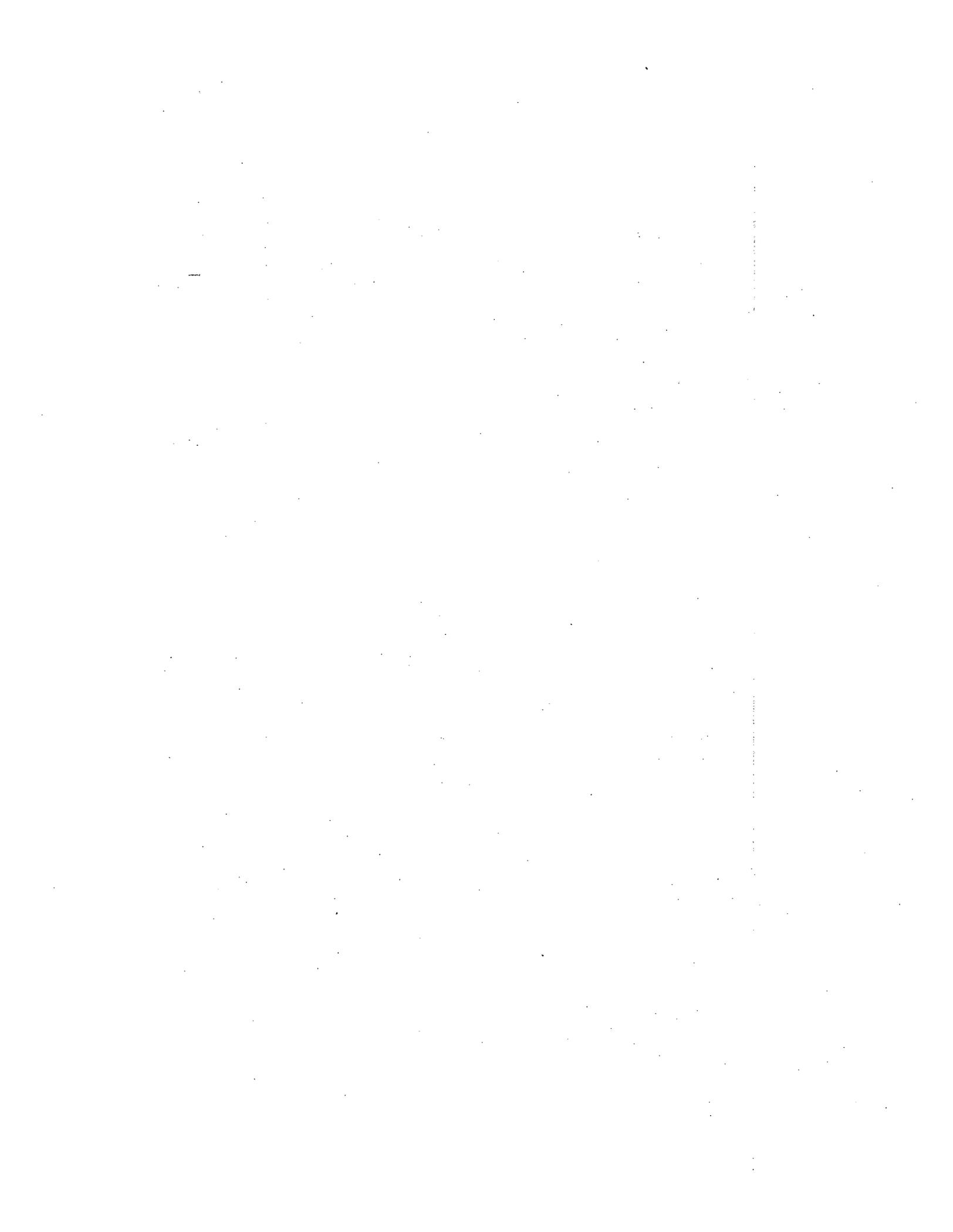
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Committee Minutes,
Part 4:
1952 - 1955**



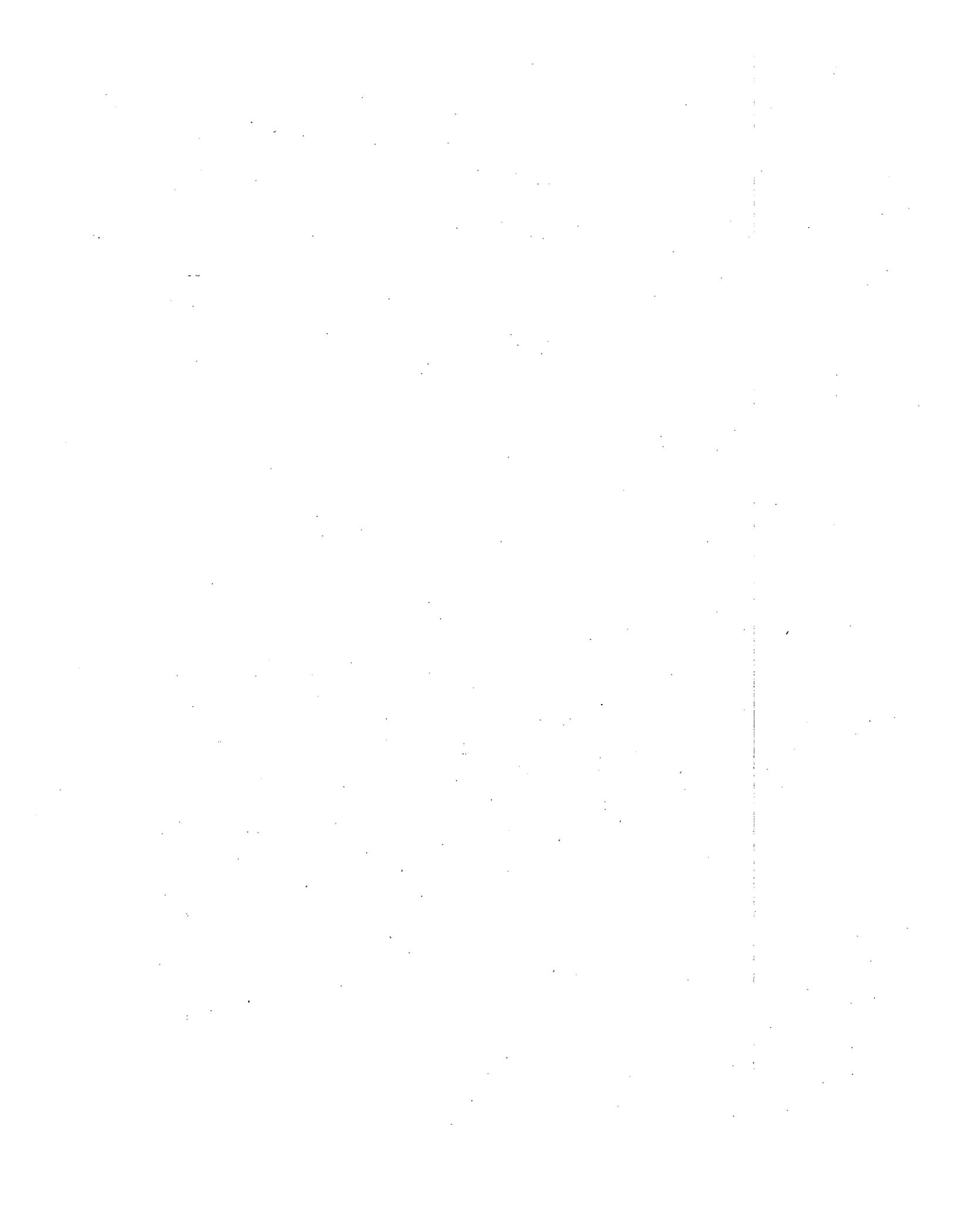
A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

The years 1952 to 1955 were dominated by internal controversy and this dissension absorbed much of the energy of both members and party organisation. As a consequence the Labour Party suffered both at national and local level.

In particular, Aneurin Bevan and his left-wing supporters sought to dramatically change party policy. The Bevanites rebelled at the end of the debate on the Government's rearmament programme in March 1952. Fifty-seven voted against the official Labour Party line. The Standing Orders of the Parliamentary Labour Party, suspended since 1945, were re-imposed. The disputes continued, nevertheless, at the Party Conferences. The Bevanites pressed their point of view and their leaders were elected to the National Executive Committee. The minutes for these years reveal the controversy in detail as the two wings of the Party were rent apart.

At the Party Conference in 1952 at Morecambe, Bevan, Driberg, Wilson, Mikardo, Crossman and Barbara Castle swept aside Hugh Dalton, Morrison, Shinwell, Callaghan and Gaitskell in elections to the constituency section of the National Executive. This meant that the National Executive Committee had more MPs who opposed the official party leadership than those who supported it. The 'Tribune Group' as it became known, could not, however, carry policy motions at the Party Conference because it was frequently opposed by the trade union block vote. Bevan realised little could be achieved unless they had support from the Party leadership. He contested the deputy leadership with Morrison and the Party treasurership with Gaitskell but without success. At the 1955 General Election Labour were still hopelessly divided.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PART 4: 1952-1955

BRIEF LISTING

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**National Executive
Committee Minutes,
Part 5:
1956 - 1959**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

In the years 1956 to 1959 the Labour Party tried to overcome its internal divisions, but despite a fistful of issues, certainly enough to launch determined attacks on the Conservative Government, at no stage did the Labour opposition achieve a decisive ascendancy over the Macmillan government.

Gaitskell took over the leadership from Attlee, but he had lost the services of both Dalton and Attlee and did not have the assured support of the leading trade unions. There was growing criticism of official party policy from trade union ranks. The greatest division was over defence and nuclear policy.

Gaitskell stood firm on Britain's need for nuclear weapons. Many of his colleagues were opposed to this, but still thought Britain should stay in NATO. Many, further left and with some trade union backing totally opposed any form of nuclear defence and voted for unilateral nuclear disarmament.

There were also sharp divisions over nationalisation and the principles of the mixed economy with a three way debate between the Left, the revisionists and the Right wing of the Party. The 1957 Party Conference adopted the policy document Industry and Society which contained many concessions to revisionist thought and the arguments of Healey, Crosland and Jenkins.

Disarmament and Nuclear War, produced in 1958, along with Disengagement in Europe, put forward compromise proposals of nuclear defence.

However, Labour were certainly under-prepared for the 1959 General Election campaign.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PART 5: 1956-1959

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649	25 February - 25 March 1959

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

Until Harold Wilson replaced Gaitskell as Leader of the Labour Party in 1963 the Labour Opposition were never a united force.

In the aftermath of the third general election defeat in 1959 Gaitskell reacted strongly and demanded controversial changes to the party's constitution. However, he was defeated on the issue of unilateral disarmament and the internal battles over the constitution and defence policy continued throughout 1960 and 1961.

In July 13, 1960 the National Executive debated two documents, one on the 'State of the Party' and the other on the 'Party Constitution and Standing Orders'. After discussion it was moved that "The National Executive Committee resolves not to proceed with any amendment or addition to Clause IV of the Constitution". After further discussion this resolution was carried by 18 votes to 5.

At the 1961 Party Conference a compromise was also reached on defence policy issues. The Conference accepted British possession of nuclear weapons and membership of NATO, although it expressed opposition to the training of German soldiers on British soil and to the establishment of American Polaris bases in Britain.

The Conference also endorsed the important policy statement Signposts for the Sixties.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PART 6: 1960-1961

BRIEF LISTING

<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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714	22 November - 20 December 1961
715	20 December 1961
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717	20 December 1961

**National Executive
Committee Minutes,
Part 7:
1962 - 1964**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

Harold Wilson secured a decisive victory in the Party leadership contest in 1963. His election heralded a significant revival in the fortunes of the Labour Party.

Wilson took care to emphasise the continuity of party policy despite the change of leadership. The outlines of the programme for the forthcoming General Election had already been established in the Statement, Signposts for the Sixties, which had been endorsed by the Blackpool Conference of 1961.

Wilson attacked the Conservatives as being out of touch with the new technological age. In 1963 the National Executive produced a document entitled Labour and the Scientific Revolution which offered "a new deal for the scientist and technologist in higher education, a new status for scientists in government, and a new role for government - sponsored science in industrial development." The 1963 Conference rallied to this lead.

At question time in the House of Commons, Wilson continued to harry Sir Alec Douglas-Home. The Labour leader also used his television technique to great advantage particularly in the run-up to the October 1964 General Election. The Labour Party manifesto was entitled The New Britain and concentrated upon domestic issues. In a brilliant campaign Harold Wilson paved the way for electoral success with his zest for political argument, virtuoso platform performances and skilful use of televised party political broadcasts.

The volumes of Minutes for these years fully reflect this revival of the Labour Party.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PART 7: 1962-1964

BRIEF LISTING

<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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728	18 April - 23 May 1962
729	23 May 1962
730	23 May - 27 June 1962
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787	24 June - 22 July 1964
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789	22 July - 8 September 1964
790	28 October - 25 November 1964
791	25 November 1964
792	25 November 1964
793	25 November - 11 December 1964

**National Executive
Committee Minutes,
Part 8:
1965 - 1967**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

These are central documents for the period 1965 to the end of 1967 providing an important research collection for the study of Harold Wilson's Labour Government.

This series of National Executive Committee Minutes together with background documents and Minutes of supporting committees covers the period of the Labour Party's repeated success at the polls in March 1966, the Vietnam War, economic and financial sanctions against Rhodesia, the six month wage freeze, the increasing decline of Britain's Economic Stability and the devaluation of the pound, the Arab-Israeli war of 1967, the reapplication of Britain for Common Market membership and the French veto of De Gaulle.

All the major issues of a turbulent decade in British politics are addressed by the most senior Labour politicians of these years, including Harold Wilson, James Callaghan, George Brown, Anthony Crosland and Dick Crossman.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PART 8: 1965-1967

BRIEF LISTING:

<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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802-803	28 April 1965
804	28 April - 26 May 1965
805	26 May 1965
806	26 May - 23 June 1965
807	23 June 1965
808-809	28 July 1965
810	28 July - 24 September 1965
811-814	24 September 1965
815	24 September - 26 September 1965
816	26 September - 14 November 1965
817-818	24 November 1965
819	24 November - 15 December 1965
820-821	15 December 1965
822	26 January 1966
823	26 January - 23 February 1966
824	23 February 1966
825	23 February - 7 March 1966
826	7 March - 27 April 1966
827	27 April - 25 May 1966
828-829	25 May 1966
830	25 May - 22 June 1966
831	22 June - 27 July 1966
832-834	27 July 1966
835	27 July - 30 September 1966
836-837	30 September 1966
838	30 September - 2 October 1966
839-842	2 October 1966
843	2 October - 26 October 1966
844	26 October - 23 November 1966
845-847	23 November 1966
848	23 November - 21 December 1966

Card Nos.Dates

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853-854	22 February 1967
855	22 February - 22 March 1967
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857	22 March - 26 April 1967
858	26 April 1967
859	26 April - 24 May 1967
860-861	24 May 1967
862	24 May - 28 June 1967
863-866	28 June 1967
867	28 June - 26 July 1967
868-871	26 July 1967
872	26 July - 13 September 1967
873-874	13 September 1967
875	13 September - 29 September 1967
876-881	29 September 1967
882	29 September - 25 October 1967
883	25 October - 22 November 1967
884-886	22 November 1967
887	22 November - 20 December 1967
888	20 December 1967

**National Executive
Committee Minutes,
Part 9:
1968 - 1973**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

This new microfiche edition continues our coverage of Labour Party National Executive Committee Minutes from November 1967 up to March 1974. It contains much interesting and revealing material about Labour policies, philosophies of government, internal disputes, parliamentary candidacy selection procedures, and the decisions of the Wilson Government. It features significant contributions from Harold Wilson, Jim Callaghan, Michael Foot, Denis Healey, Shirley Williams, Tony Benn, Ian Mikardo, Barbara Castle, Joe Gormley, Frank Chapple and Ron Hayward.

Despite a commanding majority in the 1966 General Election 1968 and 1969 were particularly difficult years for the Wilson Government. Late 1967 saw "the pound in your pocket" devalued by 14.3%. Industrial relations were growing worse culminating in the 1970 National Dock Strike which paralysed Britain's ports and severely affected the balance of payments by preventing exports. By 1968 the Conservatives had a clear lead in the opinion polls. There were serious divisions inside the Labour Cabinet. By-election swings against Labour reached 20 per cent and there were heavy losses of seats in county and borough elections.

Important legislation enacted by the Labour Government included the Race Relations Bill (1968), the Divorce Reform Bill (1969) and the Education Bill (1970) which compelled Education Authorities to introduce comprehensive education and abolished the 11 plus. Concorde made her maiden flight, Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon, but violence erupted in Northern Ireland and angry students demonstrated outside the American Embassy against Vietnam.

Industrial relations and economic problems grew worse after 1970 under the Conservative Government. There were widespread strikes and unemployment reached the one million mark for the first time since 1947. Inflation continued upward. In this period Guyana, Fiji and Tonga received their independence whilst Rhodesia declared itself a Republic. Decimal Currency was introduced in 1971 and in 1973 Britain joined the European Economic Community. The Labour Party was split on this latter issue. The 1973 Oil Crisis and the Miners' Overtime Ban contributed towards the declaration of a state of emergency in 1973 which ultimately led to two successive General Elections in 1974 and the return of a Conservative Government.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PART 9: 1968-1973

BRIEF LISTING

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903 - 905	21 February 1968
906	21 February - 27 March 1968
907 - 909	27 March 1968
910	Index: 24 April - 24 July 1968
911 - 913	24 April 1968
914	24 April - 22 May 1968
915 - 918	22 May 1968
919	22 May - 26 June 1968
920 - 921	26 June 1968
922	26 June - 24 July 1968
923 - 927	24 July 1968
928	Index: 27 September - 18 December 1968
929 - 933	27 September 1968
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940	29 September - 23 October 1968
941	23 October - 27 November 1968
942 - 945	27 November 1968
946	27 November - 18 December 1968
947 - 950	18 December 1968
951	Index: 21 January - 23 April 1969
952	21 - 22 January 1969
953 - 955	22 January 1969
956	22 January - 26 February 1969
957 - 960	26 February 1969
961	26 February - 26 March 1969
962 - 965	26 March 1969
966	26 March - 23 April 1969
967 - 969	23 April 1969
970	Index: 21 May - 23 July 1969

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980 - 987	23 July 1969
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989 - 993	26 September 1969
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996 - 999	26 November 1969
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1001 - 1003	17 December 1969
1004 - 1007	28 January 1970
1008	28 January - 25 February 1970
1009	25 February 1970
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1023 - 1026	22 July 1970
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1035	28 October - 25 November 1970
1036 - 1042	25 November 1970
1043	Index: 16 December 1970 - 24 March 1971
1044 - 1047	16 December 1970
1048 - 1051	27 January 1971
1052	27 January - 24 February 1971
1053 - 1055	24 February 1971
1056 - 1060	24 March 1971
1061	Index: 28 April - 30 June 1971
1062 - 1064	28 April 1971
1065	28 April - 19 May 1971
1066 - 1069	19 May 1971
1070	19 May - 23 June 1971
1071 - 1075	23 June 1971
1076	23 - 30 June 1971
1077	30 June 1971
1078	Index: 27 July - 24 November 1971
1079 - 1083	28 July 1971
1084	28 July - 1 October 1971
1085 - 1089	1 October 1971
1090	1 - 27 October 1971
1091	27 October - 24 November 1971

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1261 - 1268	28 November 1973
1269	28 November - 19 December 1973
1270 - 1273	19 December 1973
1274 - 1276	23 January 1974
1277	6 - 27 March 1974
1278 - 1280	27 March 1974

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1097	Index: 22 December 1971 - 14 February 1972
1098 - 1104	22 December 1971
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1115	26 January - 14 February 1972
1116	Index: 23 February - 26 April 1972
1117 - 1121	23 February 1972
1122	23 February - 22 March 1972
1123 - 1129	22 March 1972
1130	22 - 29 March 1972
1131	29 March - 26 April 1972
1132 - 1137	22 April 1972
1138	Index: 24 May - 5 July 1972
1139 - 1144	24 May 1972
1145	24 May - 21 June 1972
1146 - 1152	21 June 1972
1153	21 June - 5 July 1972
1154 - 1155	5 July 1972
1156	Index: 26 July - 4 October 1972
1157 - 1162	26 July 1972
1163	26 July - 29 September 1972
1164 - 1177	29 September 1972
1178	29 September - 4 October 1972
1179	4 October 1972
1180	Index: 25 October 1972 - 24 January 1973
1181	25 October 1972
1182	25 October - 22 November 1972
1183 - 1189	22 November
1190	22 November - 20 December 1972
1191 - 1195	20 December 1972
1196 - 1200	24 January 1973
1201	Index: 28 February - 18 April 1973
1202 - 1208	28 February 1973
1209	28 February - 28 March 1973
1210 - 1212	28 March 1973
1213	28 March - 18 April 1973
1214 - 1220	18 April 1973
1221	Index: 23 May - 27 June 1973
1222 - 1227	23 May 1973
1228	23 - 30 May 1973
1229 - 1231	30 May 1973
1232	30 May - 27 June 1973
1233 - 1239	27 June 1973
1240	Index: 25 July - 30 October 1973
1241 - 1248	25 July 1973
1249	25 July - 28 September 1973
1250 - 1255	28 September 1973
1256	28 September - 24 October 1973
1257 - 1259	24 October 1973
1260	Index: 28 November 1973 - 28 March 1974

Archives of the Parliamentary Labour Party

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

This microfiche collection comprises the Minutes and Records of the Administration Committee, 1941-1945, Executive Committee 1923-1937, Liaison Committee, 1945-1968, Parliamentary Committee, 1951-1964, and of the Parliamentary Labour Party, 1906-1968.

The Administrative Committee was a response to the inclusion of various key Labour men in Churchill's wartime Coalition government. Some fresh arrangement had to be made for running the parliamentary party. The result was a committee consisting of members who were not ministers. Attlee and other Labour ministers still had access to meetings of the Administrative Committee, but they did not attend on a regular basis.

The Executive Committee minutes provide a day by day insight into parliamentary business with Smillie, MacDonald, Lansbury and Webb playing an important role in the 1920s. By the 1930s regular attenders are Attlee, Greenwood, Lees-Smith, Williams, Pritt, Pethwick-Lawrence, Dalton and Buxton.

The Liaison Committee, as the Executive Committee became known after the Second World War, again provides minutes giving a day by day account of parliamentary business and arrangements. From 1951 to 1964 this committee was known as the Parliamentary Committee. It reverted to being called the Liaison Committee once again in November 1964. This section of minutes is of particular interest for the periods of Government 1945-1951 and from 1964 onwards as well as giving a useful picture of the organisation of the Labour opposition 1951-1964.

The Minutes of Parliamentary Labour Party Meetings are perhaps of even greater importance for the researcher. The Parliamentary Labour Party, of course, comprises Labour members of both Houses of Parliament. Its meetings provided the greatest opportunity for discussion and a forum for individual members to raise questions and debate the issues of the day with their colleagues on the front bench.

The records of the Parliamentary Labour Party allow a remarkable insight into the structure and strategies of the Labour Party at Westminster.

This microfiche collection of minutes and memoranda provides an unparalleled opportunity to study the nature of the Parliamentary Labour Party and its developing relationship with the grass-roots of the Party over a full sixty-two years.

ARCHIVES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOUR PARTY
MINUTES AND RECORDS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, 1941-1945,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1923-1937, LIAISON COMMITTEE, 1945-1968,
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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1941: 13 May - 18 December
2	1941: 18 December (cont.)
3	1942: 7 January - 23 June
4	1942: 24 June - 17 December
5	1943: 19 January - 10 June
6	1943: 22 June - 23 November
7	1943: 25 November - 16 December
8	1944: 17 January - 16 May
9	1944: 16 May (cont.) - 17 October
10	1944: 19 October - 19 December; Secretary's reports
11	1945: 15 January - 11 April
12	1945: 12 April - 14 June; Secretary's reports
13	1945: Secretary's reports (cont.)

Executive Committee Minutes

<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
14	1924: 18 February - 3 July
15	1924: 9 July - 18 December
16	1925: 28 January - 2 April
17	1925: 6 April - 13 July
18	1925: 14 July - 21 December
19	1926: 1 February - 14 April
20	1926: 15 April - 21 June
21	1926: 22 June - 23 November
22	1926: 25 November - 14 December
23	1927: 4 February - 17 May

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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
24	1927: 18 May - 8 December
25	1927: 12 December - 21 December
26	1928: 2 February - 14 May
27	1928: 14 May (cont.) - 4 December
28	1928: 5 December - 19 December
29	1929: 22 January - 15 July
30	1929: 16 July - 17 December
31	1930: 21 January - 17 June
32	1930: 23 June - 29 July
33	1931: 11 November - 10 December
34	1932: 26 January - 30 May
35	1932: 31 May - 14 December
36	1932: 15 December - 22 December
37	1933: 6 February - 26 June
38	1933: 28 June - 20 December
39	1934: 29 January - 25 July
40	1934: 26 July - 20 December
41	1935: 28 January - 6 June
42	1935: 17 June - 19 December
43	1936: 3 February - 15 June
44	1936: 16 June - 3 December
45	1936: 7 December - 15 December
46	1937: 19 January - 24 June
47	1937: 28 June - 22 October

Liaison Committee Minutes

<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
48	1945: 27 July - 19 December
49	1946: 22 January - 8 May
50	1946: 14 May - 17 December
51	1947: 21 January - 15 July
52	1947: 22 July - 16 December
53	1948: 20 January - 13 September
54	1948: 21 September - 18 December
55	1949: 25 January - 1 November
56	1949: 8 November - 13 December
57	1950: 28 February - 11 September
58	1950: 17 October - 12 December
59	1964: 16 November - 9 December
60	1965: 20 January - 26 May
61	1965: 26 May (cont.) - 3 November
62	1965: 10 November - 15 December
63	1966: 26 January - 20 July
64	1966: 27 July - 14 December

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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
65	1967: 18 January - 5 July
66	1967: 12 July - 20 December
67	1968: 17 January - 15 May
68	1968: 22 May - 23 October

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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
69	1951: 5 November - 5 December
70	1952: 29 January - 25 March
71	1952: 26 March - 18 June
72	1952: 25 June - 3 December
73	1952: 10 December - 17 December
74	1953: 20 January - 17 February
75	1953: 18 February - 15 April
76	1953: 22 April - 23 October
77	1953: 26 October - 2 December
78	1953: 2 December (cont.) - 16 December
79	1954: 20 January - 13 April
80	1954: 29 April - 19 October
81	1954: 20 October - 1 December
82	1954: 6 December - 15 December
83	1955: 2 February - 9 March
84	1955: 15 March - 6 July
85	1955: 13 July - 16 November
86	1955: 22 November - 19 December
87	1956: 5 January - 22 February
88	1956: 29 February - 5 June
89	1956: 6 June - 3 July
90	1956: 4 July - 23 October
91	1956: 24 October - 4 December
92	1956: 5 December - 20 December
93	1957: 11 January - 15 May
94	1957: 22 May - 29 October
95	1957: 4 November - 11 December
96	1957: 18 December - 20 December
97	1958: 7 January - 27 February
98	1958: 5 March - 23 April
99	1958: 30 April - 23 July
100	1958: 30 July - 17 December
101	1958: 31 December
102	1959: 19 January - 22 April
103	1959: 29 April - 8 July
104	1959: 8 July (cont.) - 23 November
105	1959: 24 November - 15 December

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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
106	1960: 25 January - 2 March
107	1960: 2 March (cont.) - 13 April
108	1960: 13 April (cont.) - 26 May
109	1960: 22 June - 26 October
110	1960: 7 November - 19 December
111	1961: 24 January - 28 March
112	1961: 28 March (cont.) - 3 July
113	1961: 5 July - 8 November
114	1961: 8 November (cont.) - 20 December
115	1962: 22 January - 17 April
116	1962: 18 April - 18 July
117	1962: 18 July (cont.) - 16 November
118	1962: 21 November - 19 December
119	1963: 21 January - 24 April
120	1963: 24 April (cont.) - 24 June
121	1963: 26 June - 20 November
122	1963: 20 November (cont.) - 18 December
123	1964: 7 January - 19 March
124	1964: 25 March - 8 July
125	1964: 8 July (cont.) - 29 July

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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
126	1906: 20 February - 3 August
127	1906: 25 October - 20 December
128	1907: 11 February - 26 April
129	1907: 2 May - 22 August
130	1908: 28 January - 1 May
131	1908: 1 May (cont.) - 28 July
132	1908: 30 July - 17 December
133	1909: 15 February - 22 April
134	1909: 30 April - 12 August
135	1909: 12 August (cont.) - 1 December
136	1910: 15 February - 23 June
137	1910: 30 June - 22 November
138	1911: 6 February - 20 April
139	1911: 20 April (cont.) - 31 July
140	1911: 3 August - 14 December
141	1912: 13 February - 13 June
142	1912: 13 June (cont.) - 19 December
143	1913: 9 January - 4 June
144	1913: 4 June (cont.) - 31 July
145	1913: 31 July (cont.) - 7 August
146	1914: 9 February - 25 June

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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
147	1914: 25 June (cont.) - 18 November
148	1915: 2 February - 15 December
149	1915: 15 December (cont.) - 30 December
150	1916: 5 January - 8 November
151	1916: 8 November (cont.) - 20 December
152	1917: 7 February - 19 December
153	1918: 16 January - 25 June
154	1918: 25 June (cont.) - 18 October
155	1919: 7 January - 15 April
156	1919: 15 April (cont.) - 18 November
157	1919: 18 November (cont.) - 18 December
158	1920: 9 February - 8 June
159	1920: 8 June (cont.) - 23 November
160	1920: 25 November - 21 December
161	1921: 14 February - 26 April
162	1921: 26 April (cont.) - 7 October
163	1921: 18 October - 8 November
164	1922: 7 February - 30 May
165	1922: 13 June - 12 December
166	1923: 12 February - 15 November
167	1924: 9 January - 16 December
168	1925: 11 February - 1 December
169	1925: 8 December - 21 December
170	1926: 2 February - 31 August
171	1926: 27 September - 14 December
172	1927: 8 February - 8 November
173	1927: 15 November - 20 December
174	1928: 7 February - 17 July
175	1928: 19 July - 11 December
176	1928: 18 December
177	1929: 23 January - 10 December
178	1930: 23 January - 18 December
179	1931: 21 January - 8 December
180	1932: 27 January - 15 November
181	1932: 22 November - 20 December
182	1933: 7 February - 19 December
183	1934: 30 January - 18 December
184	1935: 29 January - 11 December
185	1935: 11 December (cont.) - 17 December
186	1936: 4 February - 11 November
187	1936: 11 November (cont.) - 16 December
188	1937: 20 January - 21 October
189	1941: 14 May - 18 December
190	1942: 8 January - 11 November
191	1942: 11 November (cont.) - 16 December
192	1943: 20 January - 28 October
193	1943: 3 November - 15 December
194	1944: 19 January - 4 October

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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
195	1944: 4 October (cont.) - 20 December
196	1945: 17 January - 9 October
197	1945: 10 October - 12 December
198	1946: 30 January - 18 December
199	1947: 23 January - 29 October
200	1947: 5 November - 17 December
201	1948: 21 January - 8 December
202	1948: 8 December (cont.)
203	1949: 19 January - 14 December
204	1950: 1 March - 6 December
205	1951: 31 January - 4 December
206	1951: 4 December (cont.)
207	1952: 29 January - 13 May
208	1952: 15 May - 5 November
209	1952: 6 November - 18 December
210	1953: 22 January - 8 July
211	1953: 9 July - 10 December
212	1953: 10 December (cont.)
213	1954: 21 January - 8 July
214	1954: 14 July - 16 December
215	1955: 27 January - 6 June
216	1955: 7 June - 7 December
217	1955: 7 December (cont.) - 15 December
218	1956: 20 January - 21 June
219	1956: 28 June - 26 July
220	1956: 12 September - 15 November
221	1956: 22 November - 13 December
222	1957: 24 January - 23 May
223	1957: 30 May - 19 December
224	1958: 22 January - 27 March
225	1958: 2 April - 24 July
226	1958: 31 July
227	1958: 28 October - 27 November
228	1958: 4 December - 17 December
229	1959: 22 January - 10 June
230	1959: 11 June - 29 July
231	1959: 29 July (cont.)
232	1959: 20 October - 1 December
233	1959: 10 December
234	1960: 28 January - 17 March
235	1960: 24 March - 30 June
236	1960: 30 June (cont.) - 26 October
237	1960: 26 October (cont.)
238	1960: 27 October - 10 November
239	1960: 17 November - 15 December
240	1961: 26 January - 21 March
241	1961: 24 March - 29 June
242	1961: 29 June (cont.) - 19 October

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<u>Card Nos.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
243	1961: 19 October (cont.) - 2 November
244	1961: 3 November - 18 December
245	1962: 25 January - 22 March
246	1962: 29 March - 24 July
247	1962: 26 July
248	1962: 30 October - 13 December
249	1963: 23 January - 9 May
250	1963: 16 May - 28 November
251	1963: 3 December - 12 December
252	1964: 16 January - 4 June
253	1964: 11 June - 17 December
254	1965: 4 February - 3 November
255	1965: 9 November - 8 December
256	1966: 2 February - 15 June
257	1966: 15 June (cont.) - 10 November
258	1966: 15 November - 15 December
259	1967: 19 January - 12 April
260	1967: 13 April - 6 July
261	1967: 13 July - 14 December
262	1968: 17 January - 6 March
263	1968: 6 March (cont.) - 10 July
264	1968: 11 July - 24 October

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**Women and the
Labour Movement:
Conference Reports
and Journals of the
Women's Labour
League and the
Labour Party Women's
Organisation,
1906 - 1977**

A NOTE ON THE MATERIAL

This microfiche publication of the Conference Reports and Journals of the Women's Labour League and Labour Party Women's Organisation, 1906-1977, dovetails with the Papers and Records of the Women's Labour League which appeared as Part Four of the series Archives of the British Labour Party: General Correspondence and Political Records.

Founded in 1906, The Women's Labour League was a broadly based feminist pressure group drawing members and support from the Labour party, the Trade Unions, the ILP, the SDF, Co-operative Societies and similar organisations. To achieve yet wider scope and a greater measure of support the WLL disappeared as a separate affiliated organisation in 1918 and became an integrated section of the Labour Party as the Labour Party Women's Organisation.

The continuity of the group is marked by the continuity of their publications. Reproduced in this microfiche edition are the Labour Leaflet, January 1911 to April 1913, and Labour Women, May 1913 to the last issue in 1971. Added to this are the Annual Conference Reports, 1906 to 1977, where separate proceedings ended and the organisation's business was taken over by the main conference of the Labour Party.

This original printed material is extremely rare and the set which has been filmed includes items which are sometimes faded, torn, or yellowed with age. These pose difficulties of image and contrast which stringent tests and camera alterations cannot entirely overcome. Conscious of the problems which this material presents, we have sought to exercise special care in the production of this unique collection and to meet the standards required by the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

WOMEN AND THE LABOUR MOVEMENT
THE WOMEN'S LABOUR LEAGUE AND
THE LABOUR PARTY WOMEN'S ORGANISATION
1906-1977

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NOTE ON OTHER SOURCES

Labour Party Regional Records:

Please consult the information contained in Sources in British Political History 1900-1951 Volume 1 compiled for the British Library of Political and Economic Science by Chris Cook, first published by MacMillan in 1975.

Constituency Parties and Trades Councils

Again please consult the information contained in Sources in British Political History 1900-1951 Volume 1 compiled by Chris Cook.

Fabians and Labour Research Department

A wide range of material has already been published on microform by Research Publications. Currently available are:-

Fabian Society Minute Books and Records, 1884-1918
Minutes of the Executive Committee, and Lectures, 1919-1960
Correspondence of Eminent Persons, 1881-1959, and Early Material and Memorials, 1885-1952

The Papers and Records of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, 1919-1964, the Publications Committee, 1914-1964, and of the Fabian Local Societies, 1941-1964

The Papers and Records of the Fabian Women's Group, 1919-1951,
The Society for Socialist Inquiry and Propaganda, 1931-1932,
The New Fabian Research Bureau, 1931-1939, and other bodies.

Home Research Committee Minutes, 1943-1964 and papers, Section A, 1930-1949

Home Research Committee Papers, Section B, 1950-1964,
International and Commonwealth Bureau Minutes and Papers, 1940-1964, and London Labour Party and Fabian Regional Councils, 1945-1962.

Archives of the Independent Labour Party

A wide range of ILP material has also already been published on microform by Research Publications. Currently available are:-

Pamphlets and Leaflets:

- Part 1: 1893-1908 (silver-halide positive microfiche)
- Part 2: 1909-1916 (silver-halide positive microfiche)
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Minutes and Related Records:

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- Part 1: 1888-1908 (35mm silver-halide positive microfilm)
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